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Homesick.

The following letter to the editor of the COURIER would indicate that our old friend, J. W. Wilkerson, formerly of near Musselfork, but who bought and moved to a farm in the vicinity of Siloam Springs, Howell county, Mo., over a year ago, is getting homesick. About the surest remedy we can suggest for his malady is to come back to "God's country."

THE LETTER.

Siloam Springs, Mo., May 28, '05.
C. P. Vandiver,

Keytesville, Mo.

DEAR CHARLEY:—My subscription to your valuable medium of news has expired. I must have the paper as it gives most of the news from my old home county, the best country on God's earth, and containing the best people. Enclosed find order for \$1. Just send the paper right along.

As ever, your friend,

JOHN W. WILKERSON.

In the Justice Court.

The preliminary trial of Cecil McGowan, charged with shooting John Simmons, near Guthridge Mills, last Thursday, will be held in Justice Jared's court at Keytesville next Saturday, May 27.

Sam Strother, col., was taken before Justice Scharman at Dalton Monday, charged with disturbing the peace. Strother entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$1 and costs. He will lay it out in jail.

Raymond Williams, col., was tried before Justice Tate at Dalton Monday on the charge of common assault. He was found guilty and was fined \$25 and trimmings. Being financially embarrassed he was landed in in the county jail.

Willis Williams, col., was arraigned before Justice Jared in Keytesville last Friday, May 19, charged with carrying concealed weapons. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$50 and costs. Being unable to liquidate he was escorted to Hotel Shaughnessy where he will be a guest for several weeks. Williams' trouble occurred at Dalton last week as was stated in last week's COURIER.

Roll of Honor.

Our thanks are extended to the following friends who have either become new subscribers or have renewed their subscription to the COURIER during the past week. May heaven bless 'em:

NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

R. J. Talbott, Geo. V. Rector,
L. L. Gordon, Miss Mary T. Hancock.

RENEWALS.

T. B. Stamper, A. Brown,
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Algie Harding, J. T. Buntan,
J. W. Wilkerson, W. L. McCampbell,
John J. Elliott, Geo. Boone, Col.

Railroad Meeting.

A railroad meeting was held by a number of our citizens in the lobby of the Bank of Keytesville building Saturday night, and was marked by a degree of enthusiasm that it was pleasant and inspiring to see.

The object of the meeting was to take steps to secure the right-of-way for the Missouri Central Electric railway through this county.

On motion of J. A. Collet, A. S. Taylor was elected chairman of the meeting, and on motion of H. J. West, C. P. Vandiver was made secretary.

The secretary was called upon to state what he had learned of the Missouri Central at the meeting of board of directors held at Marshall, Saline county, Wednesday of last week, but not having been present at the meeting of the directors, Vandiver could only tell what he knew from reading a letter from Dan'l F. Lewis of New York, president of the construction company, which Mr. Lewis had written Geo. B. Harrison of Glasgow, president of the Missouri Central Electric Railroad Co., the gist of which we gave in last issue of the COURIER, and stated that the \$15,000,000 required to build and equip the road had been raised, and all that was now needed before the work of construction would begin was the securing of the right-of-way along the line.

In order to accomplish that through Chariton county was the object of the meeting held at the Bank of Keytesville Saturday night.

Messrs. A. S. Taylor and O. B. Anderson were chosen as a committee for that purpose and they began their work Monday morning.

The COURIER honestly believes that everyone who refuses to give the right-of-way through their premises for this road will be standing in his own light. Such a road will materially increase the value of farm lands as well as city, town and village property along the line, and certainly no sensible man would object to having his property enhanced in worth.

The situation seems to us to be this:

Give the right-of-way and the railroad will come; refuse, and it won't come.

Weigh the matter well and see whether or not you can afford to stand in your own light or step on yourself.

If you are obstinate, you had better kick yourself into submission now than to wait and be compelled to hire some one to kick you after you realize what you have lost should the Missouri Central be abandoned for want of the right-of-way.

John G. Ward and family, who left Keytesville a year ago this spring for Los Angeles, Cal., came back yesterday morning, and are now more in love with Missouri than ever.

Handsomely engraved invitations have been issued by Judge and Mrs. Henry Clayton Minter of Keytesville to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Anna Billingsley, to Chas. Fackler Lamkin at the residence of the bride's parents, Wednesday evening, June 7. The bridegroom is Judge Minter's partner in the loan and abstract business and is one of Keytesville's worthiest young men. The bride is eminently possessed of those attributes that go to make her a fitting and loving life companion.

Probate Pointers.

Allowances as follows: J. S. Wallace, M. D., \$33.50 against estate of A. F. Owen; Wm. Hopner, \$10.15, same; Theo. Toben, \$3.80, same.

Inventories and appraisements of estates approved as follows: Oliver Cason, Harrison Cason, administrator; Nathan J. Haskell, John F. Rowan, administrator.

Est. heirs of John F. Fidler, W. F. Fidler, G. & C., presents his 11th annual settlement, which is examined and approved; same as to 2nd annual settlement of Jesse McKinney, G. & C., estate heirs Jas. Heptonstall.

Est. Clarence Fawks: On application of Nancy L. Fawks, mother of Clarence Fawks, he being over 14 years of age and making choice in writing of Geo. B. Fawks as his guardian, it is ordered that said Geo. B. Fawks be and is appointed guardian and curator of said Clarence Fawks. Bond in the sum of \$100 approved with H. B. Richardson and Geo. N. Elliott as securities.

Est. Elizabeth G. Horton: In the matter of the collateral inheritance tax of the estate of Elizabeth G. Horton, it is ordered and adjudged that the cash value of the property or interest, the transfer of which is subject to the collateral inheritance tax, be paid according to the interest of the several beneficiaries, said collateral inheritance tax agree-

gating the sum of \$792.83. This collateral inheritance tax goes to the state university.

Final settlements of estate approved as follows: Elizabeth Roth O. P. Ray, administrator, balance of \$82.33 ordered distributed to Mary Cottrell, Jesse Gross and Willie Yard in the sum of \$27.44 each; Lewis Biggs, G. G. Gallatin, administrator; Josephine Linneman, Henry Linneman, G. & C., ward being of age, balance of \$850.33 is ordered paid to her; Thos. E. Mackay, M. W. Anderson, administrator, estate exhausted; J. F. Hansman & Bro., L. W. Hansman, administrator, balance of \$2,165 to be distributed, one-half to L. W. Hansman, surviving partner, and one-half to individual estate of J. F. Hansman; J. F. Hansman, L. W. Hansman, administrator, estate fully administered; P. M. Bell, Eliza Bell, administratrix, estate indebted to administratrix in the sum of \$128.82, and said administratrix releases said estate from the payment of said balance; Lula Fidler, W. F. Fidler, G. & C., and ward being of age and married, balance of \$249.75 is ordered paid to her; Grace White, J. W. Cooper, G. & C., estate exhausted; Brent Glasscock, W. H. Glasscock, G. & C., estate exhausted.

Holcomb has a few things in the Implement line for sale at less than cost. Call soon for all will be gone in a day or so.

Going to Kansas City.

The numerous friends and admirers of Virgil Conkling in the Second congressional district will regret to learn that Mr. Conkling is soon to locate in Kansas City for the practice of his profession—the law. No man ever had a truer friend and no client ever employed a more vigilant, a more tireless, a more loyal or an abler counsellor at the bar of justice than Virgil Conkling, and the COURIER hopes for him the fullest measure of success in his new location.

The Kansas City Star of Sunday says of him:

Virgil Conkling of Carrollton, Mo., will open a law-office in Kansas City within the next few weeks. The information comes from a personal friend of Conkling, who has known the Carrollton lawyer for years and was anxious that he should locate in Kansas City rather than St. Louis.

Few men in Missouri are better known throughout the state, both as a lawyer and politician, than Virgil Conkling. He conducted the defense in the Taylor murder trials and has had a hand in many of the big cases that have been tried in North Missouri. Among lawyers he has ranks high, particularly as a jury lawyer.

Politically his change of headquarters is a matter of some importance. For many years he has been a leader of the North Missouri Democracy. He furnished about all there was of the anti-Folk organization in rural Missouri last year, but when the preliminary campaign was over he was a loyal supporter of Governor Folk, and his brother, Newlan Conkling, was among the best supporters in the legislature.

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